

Meet Nebraska's Governor: Dave Heineman And Learn About A Governor's Responsibilities

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So you want to be governor? What are the qualifications?

- You need to be at least 30 years old.
- You need to have lived in the state in which you are running for at least five years.



How many terms can you serve as governor? What are the lengths of the terms?

- Governors can serve two consecutive terms which last four years each.
- Governor Heineman is on his first full term.

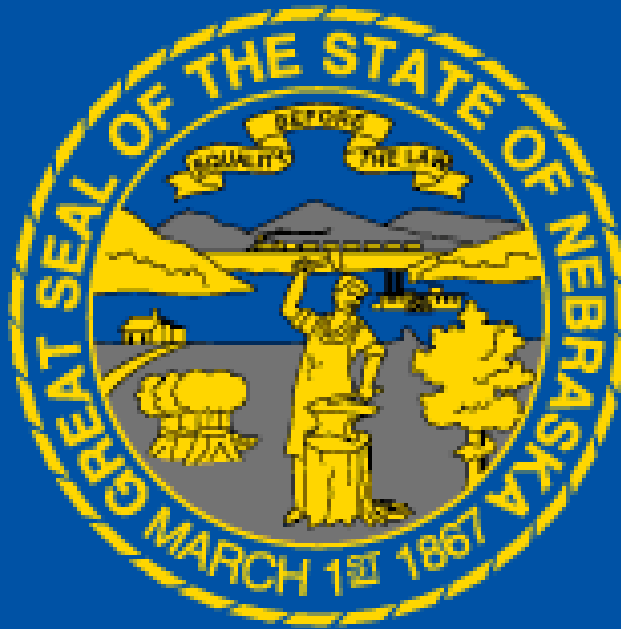


What are some of the Governor's key responsibilities?

- A governor's responsibility is to make sure that the laws of the state and country are followed.
- Governors can also declare a state of emergency for disasters such as on June 11, 2009, when Spring storms hit Central and Western Nebraska.



- Governors also create budgets



- Governors appoint officials to the state government



What might a typical day look like in the life of a governor?

Saturday, March 13

- 11:30 am: Class C1 Boys State High School Basketball Tournament (In between, he probably works)
- 1:30 pm: Class B Boys State High School Basketball Tournament (In between, he may work some more)
- 7:00 pm: Class A Boys State High School Basketball Tournament



Another day in the life of our governor.

Thursday, April 15th, 2010

- 11:30 a.m.- Remarks, Wellness Council of the Midlands annual well workplace awards Quest center, Omaha.
- 2:00 p.m.- Read to Walnut Creek Elementary 3rd and 4th graders.
- 5:00 p.m. - Remarks and Present Governor 's Bioscience Award, Embassy Suites, La Vista
- 5:30 p.m. – Remarks, Tax Day Rally, Lincoln



Meet Nebraska's Governor: Dave Heineman.



When and where was Governor Dave Heineman born?

- Dave Heineman was born in Falls City, Nebraska.
- He was born on May 12, 1948.



Growing up!

Age three



Eighth grade

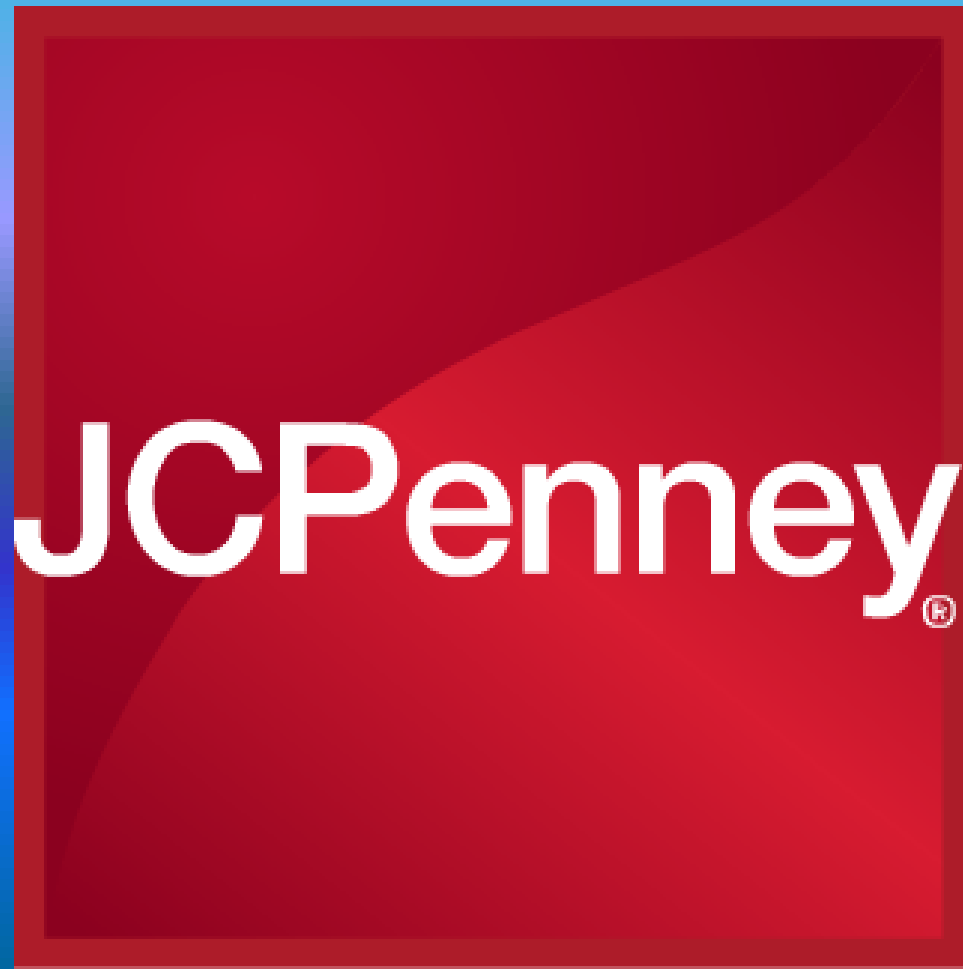


Governor Heineman's family

- Mom and Dad
- Governor Heineman, mom, brothers and sister



The Governor's dad was a manager for J.C. Penney's,
so they had to move every few years.



Where Did the Governor Live Growing Up?

He was born in Falls City, Nebraska. But he also lived in Fairbury, McCook, Benkelman, and Wahoo. He graduated from Wahoo High School in 1966.



Governor Heineman graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1970. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools.



The Governor's favorite fast food restaurant is McDonalds.



**He loves Dr. Pepper and
Snickers candy bars.**



Governor Heineman met his wife, Sally,
at the Douglas County Republican
Headquarters on Labor Day in 1976.



*They were
married
on May
7th, 1977,
in Omaha,
Nebraska.*



Meet Sally Ganem, Nebraska's First Lady!

- Sally Ganem is the first lady.
- She is the former principal of Howard Elementary School in Fremont, Nebraska.
- The Governor and the First Lady have been married for 32 years.



Sally Ganem says, “The most exciting part of being the First Lady is getting to meet people all across the state. It's the people who make Nebraska great and gives it that tremendous Nebraska spirit!”



Governor Heineman and his son

- The Governor and Sam, when Sam was little.



Sam's graduation from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont

- Sam's graduation
- Sam with his family



Sam got married in the summer of 2009 to a girl named Jessica DeJong.



- Sam currently works in Omaha as a C.P.A.



The Newest Addition to the Family...

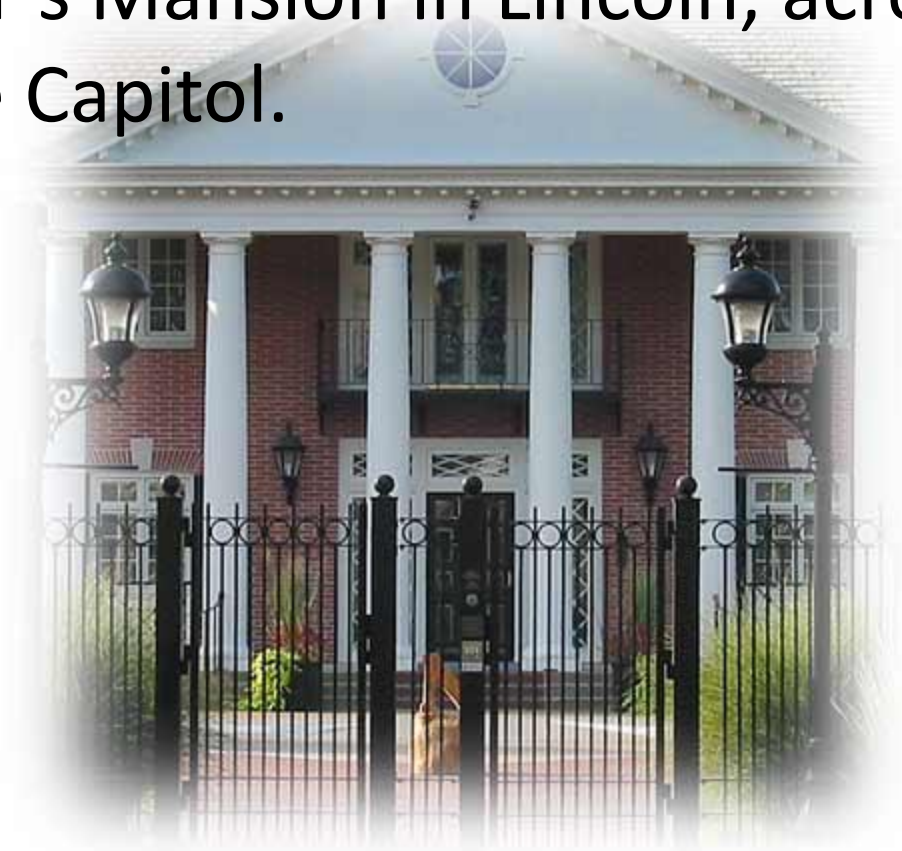


Snickers the Dog! He was a present to the First Lady for her birthday from Sam and Jessica.



Where Does The Governor Live?

- Governor Heineman and his family live in the Governor's Mansion in Lincoln, across from our State Capitol.



The Governor's Mansion

- It was formally opened on March 17, 1958.
- There was a lot of wear and tear after 40 years, so they decided to renovate the mansion in 1997.
- After 18 months, it was reopened to the public in August of 1998.



What did Governor Heineman do before he became governor?

- He served in the Army for five years. When he left the Army his rank was Captain.



He also worked in Washington D.C. on Capitol Hill as Chief of Staff to United States Congressman Hal Daub.



When he returned from Washington D.C., he became a stay-at-home dad.



Did he serve in any other public office?



- He was a Fremont City Councilman from 1990 to 1994.



Governor Heineman was elected as the Nebraska State Treasurer in 1994 and served until 2001.





- In October 2001, Dave Heineman was appointed Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor under Governor Mike Johanns.



How did he become governor?



- When Governor Mike Johanns became the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dave Heineman was appointed as the 39th governor of Nebraska.
- He was sworn in on Friday, January 21st, 2005.



When was he elected to his first term of governor?

- He was elected to his first full term as governor in 2006.
- He beat Tom Osborne for the seat.



Pictures from Governor Heineman's Inauguration.



Inauguration
Dance



Governor Heineman and Lieutenant Governor Sheehy



What Are Some of the Governor's Priorities for the State of Nebraska?

- Our governor's priorities are education, economic vitality, efficiency in government, and the protection of families.
- He chose these priorities because he believes these things are important.



Our Governor's thoughts about education!

- He believes education is THE great equalizer.
- He supports high standards for all students.
- He is a strong supporter of increasing parental involvement in schools.



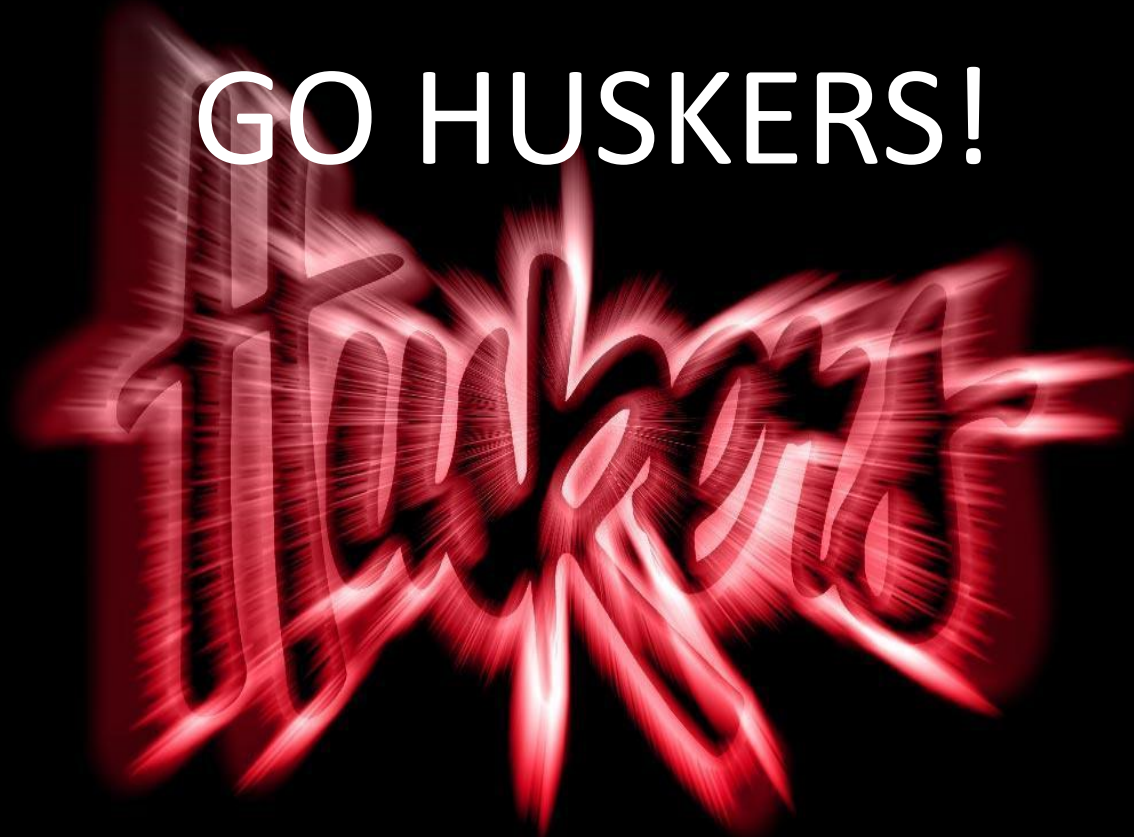
Governor Heineman said:

“Nebraskans are known for giving of themselves and that quality is part of what makes our state such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.”



Governor Heineman's favorite
saying of all time is...

GO HUSKERS!



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